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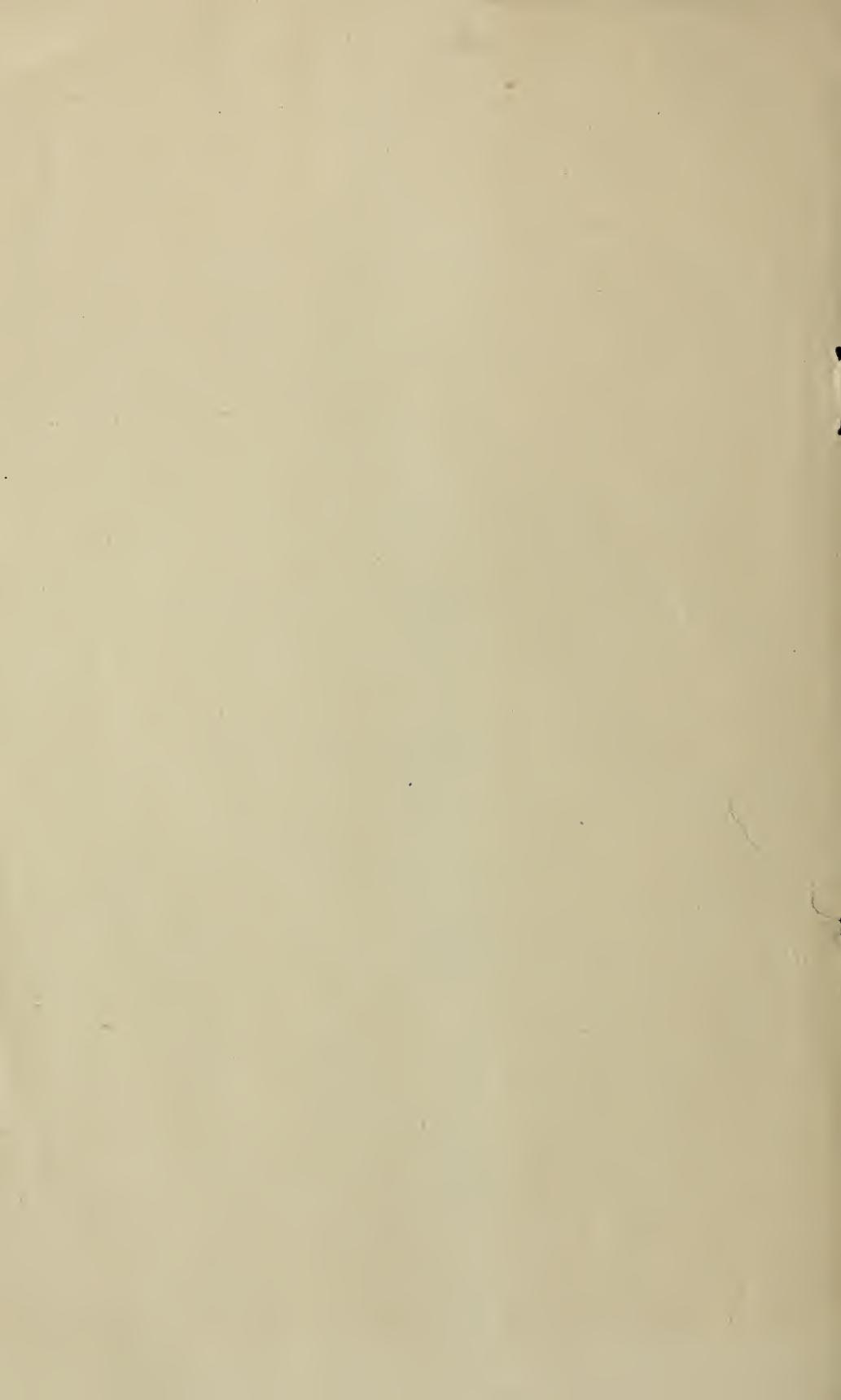
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The Girl Scouts too, made a good beginning under the captaincy of Miss Beatrice Evans. Miss Adalaide Stauffer took up the work and it went hummily during the summer. There are now twenty one girls ready to register as tenderfoot scouts, but they have not organized their patrols, or elected their various officers, so things are rather at a standstill. The work on the dolls at Christmas entitled them to one step on the road to becoming second class scouts. Let us hope they will soon get together and go through the necessary formalities for registration at headquarters.

Miss Evans and Miss Steele held a very popular dancing class for the girls and boys of scout age last winter.

The branch of the Emergency Aid that worked in Marietta and its vicinity held its meetings at the Community House during the winter and spring of 1920. In the spring a luncheon was given to all the Lancaster County branches. Over one hundred and thirty people were served and Mrs. John D Nauman presided over a very enjoyable meeting afterward. Mrs. Henry S. Hiestand was president of the Marietta and Maytown branch. The luncheon committee was under the chairmanship of Mrs. T. E. Ingram with Mrs. Frank Hiestand and Mrs. James Duffy assisting. Miss Sue Spangler and Miss Grace Brandt also gave valuable aid, and members of the Girls' Club did the serving.

The Library was opened about the middle of May. Mr. Robert Bliss of the Library Extension Division of the State Library at Harrisburg was consulted as to the best way of making a beginning. He promised help if enough local interest was shown. The

Directors of the Community House promised \$100 a year, and donations of books were solicited. Mr. Bliss then advised that we become a branch of the Lancaster Public Library, which was anxious to start a campaign for county libraries. Miss Helen Ethel Myers, the librarian at Lancaster welcomed the opportunity. We run under her supervision, and observe the rules of all public libraries. We have at present 781 volumes absolutely our own. The larger part were given by the citizens of Marietta, but the A. L. A. sent us 75 volumes and Lancaster Library about fifty. The State Library Extension Division lends us a hundred books, changing fifty every three months, and Lancaster lends us about two hundred and fifty changing from time to time, as we request. Also both Lancaster and Harrisburg send any books that are specially asked for. They urge that teachers especially shall make use of this privilege. Our own books have been most carefully catalogued under the supervision and largely by Miss Myers herself. The works on the reference books has been particularly thorough. Mr. H. Burd Cassel donated quite a collection of books of this nature, and it would pay people to look through the catalogue cards, and see how easily information can be obtained.

By Miss Myers advice, we have started a very small collection of charge books. That is, we have bought a few copies of the latest fiction and we charge two cents a day for each copy till the book is paid for. Then that one is put on the shelves as a free book, and another is bought with the money. This will enable us to renew our fiction in this way, keeping the money that is given us for more serious and permanent books.

Subscriptions have been taken out in the name of the Community House for the Geographic Magazine, the Ladies Home Journal, the Literary Digest, the Saturday Evening Post, the Sunday editions of the New York World and the Philadelphia Ledger, the daily editions of the Philadelphia Ledger, the Lancaster Intelligencer

and the Lancaster New Era. Also the Marietta Times is taken. The American City, the Atlantic Monthly and Harpers Magazine are presented to the Community House, monthly, also the Magazine of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the National Humaine Review.

So far, we have had \$63.97 from the Community House. We have taken in pay books and fines, \$24.72 and had one donation of \$4.50. We must not forget, however, that much of the \$24.72 was really donated, as it has been the rule rather than the exception that people have given more than they owed to help the Library along. Our expenses have been, equipment, \$38.58, books \$40.64, binding \$8.64, express for the Harrisburg books \$3.00, and we have now in hand \$7.33.

The registry book shows 250 readers and we are giving out over four hundred books a month. The children, particularly the boys use the library a great deal.

Our latest activity, but one of the most satisfactory is the Baby Health Centre. It was opened the last Wednesday in July. The Red Cross sends us a nurse every Wednesday afternoon who stays from two till four. Mrs. Henry Hiestand presented the centre with the very latest thing in weighing machines, registering up to fifty pounds. The babies are weighed every week and a record of their weight kept. The nurse also advises about minor ailments, of course insisting on a doctor's advice if it is necessary. The mothers, naturally tied a great deal at home by the care of their little ones enjoy the social side of the afternoon, and Community House is one of the first combination of words the little tots learn to say. The youngest baby as yet brought in was two weeks old and we are still weighing some of three and four, although two years is about the average of the older ones. Dr. Howard Witmer of Lancaster has taken a special pride in our baby centre. He calls it really constructive work. He consented to be judge of the baby show that was held early in November, when Mrs. Hiestand offered four prizes, two for the finest

babies, and two for the babies who had improved most since being registered with us

There was a Christmas tree for the babies on the Wednesday before Christmas, when a useful gift, a toy and an orange were given to each baby, and a little book in which each babies history could be recorded to each mother

Sixty-four babies have been registered during the five months that the nurse has been in attendance. The average number of babies each Wednesday is about twenty-six. There were twenty-nine entries for the baby show and forty-five presents were given at Christmas, though owing to a stormy day only thirty babies were actually present.

Much of the success has been due to the popularity of the nurses, first Nurse Walsh, and later Nurse Hauck of Columbia. Mrs Ethelbert Miller, Mrs Henry Hiestand and Mrs Lewis Bevan have taken this activity under their special care

It would be a very inadequate report of the work done for the Community House that did not mention the Community Christmas Tree. For two years now the Marietta Community Christmas Tree has been famous through the county. The committee of decoration with Mr. Samuel Frey as chairman, deserves the warmest thanks of the Directors of the Community House and the citizens of Marietta.

The pool rooms have been left to the last. There were two committees formed to look after this branch of the work, one of older, and one of younger men, but except that while Mr. Gerald Hiestand was able to interest himself he was very active in getting up tournaments and promoting good feeling, there has not been very much supervision of the rooms, and there has been more destruction of property there than in any other part of the house.

Until lately when, owing to the tremendous waste of chalk, there has been a small charge for that commodity the pool rooms, splendidly equipped have been absolutely free, except that

there have been two little boxes on the wall where players could deposit small sums to help, in some measure, to repair damage to equipment. During the year, the munificent sum of \$11.87 has been collected from these boxes, although the rooms have been crowded during the afternoon and evening, for the cooler months of the year. The tables, brand new, and the very best obtainable, have in one year been so mistreated that they are not now fit for good players to use. The cloth has been cut, cues have been broken, holes punched in the walls of the rooms, and not one player has been manly enough to confess that he has been responsible for any of the damage, or to offer to make good.

The boys from fourteen to sixteen have been allowed to play if they brought permits from their parents, promising to make good any damage done. We presume the parents are in the same ignorance as the Directors, as certainly no reparation has as yet been forthcoming.

It is rather difficult to compute the average of men and boys using the rooms. About one hundred come and go during all but the very warmest months. There are usually about twenty in the rooms every afternoon and evening.

As the girls also expressed a desire to use the rooms the Directors arranged that Tuesdays the pool rooms should be kept for them. The men and boys cannot play on that day.

No member of the Community has done more for its House than Mr. John McElroy. He has given time, hard work and interest so freely, that it is almost impossible to imagine running the Community House without him. He is always on hand when needed, always willing, always good natured. A great part of the success of the work is owing to him.

The Secretary begs to thank the President, Directors, chairmen of committees and the citizens of Marietta for the help and encouragement she has received in her work here, and hopes that 1921 will be productive of even better results.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT RECEIPTS

Dues or Contributions.....	\$1427.75
Dining Room & Kitchen.....	27.10
Pool Room.....	11.84
Dirt Sold.....	101.80
Profit on Conversion of Liberty Bonds.....	63.33
Special contribution from Henry S. Hiestand for deficiency.....	650.00
	\$2281.82

#### EXPENDITURES

Secretary and Asst. Salary.....	\$1598.86
Caretaker's Salary .....	180.00
Light.....	139.70
Heat.....	204.22
Water.....	6.00
Newspapers.....	31.46
Printing .....	35.65
Postage .....	7.00
Pool Room.....	5.12
Library.....	63.97
Sundries.....	4.02
	\$2276.00

Bal. on hand Dec. 31, 1920.....\$5.82

Endowment & Building Fund Account

#### RECEIPTS

Paid on account of Pledges to date.....	\$31,801.76
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Lancaster Trust Co., Endowment Fund.....	\$25,000.00
F. J. Everts, Artichest, on Account.....	200.00
A. G. Walters, Contractor....	5570.00
William Mallon, Labor.....	33.00
J. G. Loraw, Cleaning brick..	40.00
\$4000 ins. on Gymnasium....	48.00

\$30,891.00

Bal. on hand Dec. 31, 1920. \$910.76

Composed of Cash..... 310.76

Liberty Bonds..... 400.00

Colonial Club Stk..... 200.00

Unpaid Pledges to Endowment & Building Fund..... 5898.50

Due Contractor on Gymnasium Contract..... 9430.00

Endowment Interest Account for Upkeep of the Community House Building

#### RECEIPTS

Six months interest on \$25,000 endowment fund in hands of Lancaster Trust Company, invested in Fourth Liberty Loan.....	\$532.21
Expenses, none.	

There is also in the hands of the Treasurer \$100, Second Liberty Loan bond given by John S. Miller, the interest to be used for Current expenses

In conclusion the Treasurer would call attention to the fact that our annual contributions fell short by \$650 of paying the running expenses of the Community House, also that the expenses in the coming years will be heavier than this year and that a special effort should be made to secure enough pledges for Current Expenses to make the House self supporting.

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The Girl Scouts too, made a good beginning under the captaincy of Miss Beatrice Evans. Miss Adalaide Stauffer took up the work and it went hummily during the summer. There are now twenty one girls ready to register as tenderfoot scouts, but they have not organized their patrols, or elected their various officers, so things are rather at a standstill. The work on the dolls at Christmas entitled them to one step on the road to becoming second class scouts. Let us hope they will soon get together and go through the necessary formalities for registration at headquarters.

Miss Evans and Miss Steele held a very popular dancing class for the girls and boys of scout age last winter.

The branch of the Emergency Aid that worked in Marietta and its vicinity held its meetings at the Community House during the winter and spring of 1920. In the spring a luncheon was given to all the Lancaster County branches. Over one hundred and thirty people were served and Mrs. John D Nauman presided over a very enjoyable meeting afterward. Mrs. Henry S. Hiestand was president of the Marietta and Maytown branch. The luncheon committee was under the chairmanship of Mrs. T. E Ingram with Mrs. Frank Hiestand and Mrs. James Duffy assisting. Miss Sue Spangler and Miss Grace Brandt also gave valuable aid, and members of the Girls' Club did the serving.

The Library was opened about the middle of May. Mr. Robert Bliss of the Library Extension Division of the State Library at Harrisburg was consulted as to the best way of making a beginning. He promised help if enough local interest was shown. The

Directors of the Community House promised \$100 a year, and donations of books were solicited. Mr. Bliss then advised that we become a branch of the Lancaster Public Library, which was anxious to start a campaign for county libraries. Miss Helen Ethel Myers, the librarian at Lancaster welcomed the opportunity. We run under her supervision, and observe the rules of all public libraries. We have at present 781 volumes absolutely our own. The larger part were given by the citizens of Marietta, but the A. L. A. sent us 75 volumes and Lancaster Library about fifty. The State Library Extension Division lends us a hundred books, changing fifty every three months, and Lancaster lends us about two hundred and fifty changing from time to time, as we request. Also both Lancaster and Harrisburg send any books that are specially asked for. They urge that teachers especially shall make use of this privilege. Our own books have been most carefully catalogued under the supervision and largely by Miss Myers herself. The works on the reference books has been particularly thorough. Mr. H. Burd Cassel donated quite a collection of books of this nature, and it would pay people to look through the catalogue cards, and see how easily information can be obtained.

By Miss Myers advice, we have started a very small collection of charge books. That is, we have bought a few copies of the latest fiction and we charge two cents a day for each copy till the book is paid for. Then that one is put on the shelves as a free book, and another is bought with the money. This will enable us to renew our fiction in this way, keeping the money that is given us for more serious and permanent books.

Subscriptions have been taken out in the name of the Community House for the Geographic Magazine, the Ladies Home Journal, the Literary Digest, the Saturday Evening Post, the Sunday editions of the New York World and the Philadelphia Ledger, the daily editions of the Philadelphia Ledger, the Lancaster Intelligencer

and the Lancaster New Era. Also the Marietta Times is taken. The American City, the Atlantic Monthly and Harpers Magazine are presented to the Community House, monthly, also the Magazine of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the National Humaine Review.

So far, we have had \$63.97 from the Community House. We have taken in pay books and fines, \$24.72 and had one donation of \$4.50. We must not forget, however, that much of the \$24.72 was really donated, as it has been the rule rather than the exception that people have given more than they owed to help the Library along. Our expenses have been, equipment, \$38.58, books \$40.64, binding \$3.64, express for the Harrisburg books \$3.00, and we have now in hand \$7.33.

The registry book shows 250 readers and we are giving out over four hundred books a month. The children, particularly the boys use the library a great deal.

Our latest activity, but one of the most satisfactory is the Baby Health Centre. It was opened the last Wednesday in July. The Red Cross sends us a nurse every Wednesday afternoon who stays from two till four. Mrs. Henry Hiestand presented the centre with the very latest thing in weighing machines, registering up to fifty pounds. The babies are weighed every week and a record of their weight kept. The nurse also advises about minor ailments, of course insisting on a doctor's advice if it is necessary. The mothers, naturally tied a great deal at home by the care of their little ones enjoy the social side of the afternoon, and Community House is one of the first combination of words the little tots learn to say. The youngest baby as yet brought in was two weeks old and we are still weighing some of three and four, although two years is about the average of the older ones. Dr. Howard Witmer of Lancaster has taken a special pride in our baby centre. He calls it really constructive work. He consented to be judge of the baby show that was held early in November, when Mrs. Hiestand offered four prizes, two for the finest

babies, and two for the babies who had improved most since being registered with us

There was a Christmas tree for the babies on the Wednesday before Christmas, when a useful gift, a toy and an orange were given to each baby, and a little book in which each babies history could be recorded to each mother

Sixty-four babies have been registered during the five months that the nurse has been in attendance. The average number of babies each Wednesday is about twenty-six. There were twenty-nine entries for the baby show and forty-five presents were given at Christmas, though owing to a stormy day only thirty babies were actually present.

Much of the success has been due to the popularity of the nurses, first Nurse Walsh, and later Nurse Hauck of Columbia. Mrs. Ethelbert Miller, Mrs. Henry Hiestand and Mrs. Lewis Bevan have taken this activity under their special care.

It would be a very inadequate report of the work done for the Community House that did not mention the Community Christmas Tree. For two years now the Marietta Community Christmas Tree has been famous through the county. The committee of decoration with Mr. Samuel Frey as chairman, deserves the warmest thanks of the Directors of the Community House and the citizens of Marietta.

The pool rooms have been left to the last. There were two committees formed to look after this branch of the work, one of older, and one of younger men, but except that while Mr. Gerald Hiestand was able to interest himself he was very active in getting up tournaments and promoting good feeling, there has not been very much supervision of the rooms, and there has been more destruction of property there than in any other part of the house.

Until lately when, owing to the tremendous waste of chalk, there has been a small charge for that commodity the pool rooms, splendidly equipped have been absolutely free, except that

there have been two little boxes on the wall where players could deposit small sums to help, in some measure, to repair damage to equipment. During the year, the munificent sum of \$11.87 has been collected from these boxes, although the rooms have been crowded during the afternoon and evening, for the cooler months of the year. The tables, brand new, and the very best obtainable, have in one year been so mistreated that they are not now fit for good players to use. The cloth has been cut, cues have been broken, holes punched in the walls of the rooms, and not one player has been manly enough to confess that he has been responsible for any of the damage, or to offer to make good.

The boys from fourteen to sixteen have been allowed to play if they brought permits from their parents, promising to make good any damage done. We presume the parents are in the same ignorance as the Directors, as certainly no reparation has as yet been forthcoming.

It is rather difficult to compute the average of men and boys using the rooms. About one hundred come and go during all but the very warmest months. There are usually about twenty in the rooms every afternoon and evening.

As the girls also expressed a desire to use the rooms the Directors arranged that Tuesdays the pool rooms should be kept for them. The men and boys cannot play on that day.

No member of the Community has done more for its House than Mr. John McElroy. He has given time, hard work and interest so freely, that it is almost impossible to imagine running the Community House without him. He is always on hand when needed, always willing, always good natured. A great part of the success of the work is owing to him.

The Secretary begs to thank the President, Directors, chairmen of committees and the citizens of Marietta for the help and encouragement she has received in her work here; and hopes that 1921 will be productive of even better results.

Respectfully submitted,  
JAN 3 - 1935 MRS. V. C. SIDNEY,  
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS Secretary.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT RECEIPTS

Dues or Contributions.....	\$1427.75
Dining Room & Kitchen.....	27.10
Pool Room.....	11.84
Dirt Sold.....	101.80
Profit on Conversion of Liberty Bonds.....	63.33
Special contribution from Henry S. Hiestand for deficiency.....	650.00
	\$2281.82

#### EXPENDITURES

Secretary and Asst. Salary.....	\$1598.86
Caretaker's Salary .....	180.00
Light.....	139.70
Heat.....	204.22
Water.....	6.00
Newspapers.....	31.46
Printing .....	35.65
Postage .....	7.00
Pool Room.....	5.12
Library.....	63.97
Sundries.....	4.02
	\$2276.00

Bal. on hand Dec. 31, 1920.....\$5.82  
Endowment & Building Fund Account

#### RECEIPTS

Paid on account of Pledges to date.....	\$31,801.76
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#### EXPENDITURES

Lancaster Trust Co., Endowment Fund.....	\$25,000.00
F. J. Everts, Architect, on Account.....	200.00
A. G. Walters, Contractor.....	5570.00
William Mallon, Labor.....	33.00
J. G. Loraw, Cleaning brick..	40.00
\$4000 ins. on Gymnasium....	48.00
	\$30,891.00

Bal. on hand Dec. 31, 1920...	\$910.76
Composed of Cash.....	310.76
Liberty Bonds .....	400.00
Colonial Club Stk.....	200.00
Unpaid Pledges to Endowment & Building Fund.....	5898.50
Due Contractor on Gymnasium Contract.....	9430.00

Endowment Interest Account for Upkeep of the Community House Building

#### RECEIPTS

Six months interest on \$25,000 endowment fund in hands of Lancaster Trust Company, invested in Fourth Liberty Loan.....	\$532.21
Expenses, none.	

There is also in the hands of the Treasurer \$100, Second Liberty Loan bond given by John S. Miller, the interest to be used for Current expenses

In conclusion the Treasurer would call attention to the fact that our annual contributions fell short by \$650 of paying the running expenses of the Community House, also that the expenses in the coming years will be heavier than this year and that a special effort should be made to secure enough pledges for Current Expenses to make the House self supporting.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. I. SLEWY BRANDT, Treasurer.

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Our loyal Secretary will now give you a report of the activities of the house.

Faithfully submitted,

HENRY S. HIESTAND,  
President.

Marietta, Pa.,  
January 9, 1922.

### Second Annual Report of J. Nissley Brandt, Treasurer of the Marietta Community House:

#### RECEIPTS

Bal. on hand, Jan. 10, 1921.....\$	5 82
Dues or Contributions..	\$1010 77
Dining Room & Kitchen,	7 50
Pool Room.....	10 85
Girls' Club, Rent.....	50 00

Gymnasium.....	316 13
Special contribut'n from H. S. Hiestand to meet deficiency.....	1525 00
	<b>\$2956 07</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

Secretary and Asst'nts..	\$1659 96
Caretakers.....	400 00
Light.....	158 80
Heat.....	469 29
Water.....	19 00
Papers.....	16 68
Printing.....	37 25
Postage.....	10 00
Library.....	50 26
Insurance.....	12 00
Basket Ball & Dance loss	50 00
A. W. P. Paper Co.....	15 30
Sundries.....	10 83
	<b>\$2909 80</b>

Bal. on hand, Jan. 9, 1922..... \$ 46 77

**BUILDING FUND**

Balance Jan. 10, 1921.....	<b>\$ 910 76</b>
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**RECEIPTS**

On acct. Subscriptions ..	\$5368 72
Exch. Nat. Bank, note..	5000 00
	<b>10368 72</b>
	<b>\$11279 48</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

Contractor, on acct.....	\$8130 00
Contractor, extra.....	104 90
Painting.....	28 25
Lighting.....	331 43
Hauling .....	12 00
Heat Plant.....	565 00
Plastering.....	150 00
Insurance.....	26 00
Architect .....	100 00
Stone Work.....	53 20
Lumber.....	64 08
Chairs.....	169 00
Hardware .....	63 21
Railing, Rear Steps.....	83 90
Plumbing.....	106 21
Extra Iron Work.....	23 40
Screens.....	222 08
Discount.....	295 90
Sundries .....	29 15
On account Note.....	500 00
	<b>10937 81</b>

Bal. on hand, January 9, 1921, \$ 291 77

Including \$200 Colonial Club  
Stock.

Unpaid Pledges to Bldg. Fund...	\$1757 55
Due Exch. Nat. Bank, for Note..	459 00
Due Contractor, on Contract....	1300 60

**ENDOWMENT INTEREST ACCOUNT**  
Balance, January 10, 1921..... \$ 532 21

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	
Lanc. Trust Co., Interest on Endowment.....	\$106 50
Interest an Lib. Bonds..	56 32
	<b>1118 82</b>

**EXPENDITURES** \$1651 03

Lanc. Trust Co. Services	\$ 25 00
1550 Bonds Bought	1497 63
Repairs.....	16 72
	<b>1539 35</b>

Balance on hand Jan. 9, 1922.. \$ 111 68

The Treasurer also holds:

\$1550 Liberty Bonds for Endowment In-  
account and  
\$ 100 Liberty Bond (John S. Miller) gift  
for Current Expenses.

The Trust (Lancaster Trust Co.), holds  
\$25000 Liberty Loan Bonds.

Respectfully submitted,

J. NISSLER BRANDT,  
Treasurer.

**SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
COMMUNITY HOUSE SECRETARY**

It seems as though the best way to give a brief resume of the activities of the Community House of Marietta during the second year of its existence would be to take the report of the first year and see how the various organizations then in existence had flourished or died; and then take up the new work that has started during the year.

The Wm. Brenner Post of the American Legion still, we are happy to say, makes its home with us, holding their regular business meetings on the second and last Thursday of the month. Last winter, it was suggested to the Directors that the members would like rooms or a room of their own

in the House, to be used as a general meeting place. So during the spring, Mrs. Henry S. Hiestand furnished the two rooms on the second floor, originally intended for the care-taker, in a very attractive manner, screening the balcony, so that it made a very pleasant additional room. They were formally presented to the Legion in May. They have been used for committee meetings and business purposes of the Post, but not as generally by the members as it was hoped they might be.

At the December meeting of the Board of Directors, it was voted that the Post have the exclusive use of the Pool Rooms on' the nights of its regular meetings, i. e. the second and last Thursdays.

It seemed appropriate that the double funeral of the two Marietta boys, who bodies came from overseas, to be buried in their home town, should be held at the Community House. They came back in August, and for ten days the House gave itself to their service. The simple but impressive ceremonies at the House, and afterward at the cemetery, under the auspices of the Legion, were attended by large numbers of people.

Mrs. Ethelbert Miller very generously undertook again the work of the Childrens' Activities Committee. It is hard to say exactly what progress has been made in this department. The number of children who come to the House has constantly increased, but the committee does not feel that any very satisfactory solution has been reached of the problem of their care and entertainment. The classes started last year were very

much enjoyed by the children, particularly the girls' sewing class with Mrs. Paules, and the carpentry class for the boys under Mr. Frank Derr. The unfortunate illness of both these teachers and the fact that others could not be obtained were very disorganizing factors, and the classes have never really started again. We all know that familiarity breeds contempt, and the children seem to bear out the truth of this adage on Friday nights. New plans are being formulated, and we hope that next year it will be possible to report the same enjoyment of the facilities of the house, but a little less disorder.

That it is really forms of occupation that are needed is proved by the conduct of the children in the Library, where it is always easy to control the wildest child, if he or she is once attracted by the books or pictures.

Mrs. Miller and her committee arranged the entertainment that was given for the baby celebration last June, the little health play given on that day being repeated at Columbia during their baby week, and again this fall, when it formed part of a program given by the children to pay for the dolls and toys bought for the Home for Friendless Children in Lancaster. The dolls were dressed by the girls on Saturday afternoons during the fall. Last year it was the older girls, from 14 to 16 who did the work, but this year the younger ones, from 9 to 11 begged to be allowed to undertake it and many of them learned to sew for the purpose.

Mrs. Miller arranged another

entertainment for the evening of December 23rd, when the children had their Christmas Tree, given by the Girls' Club.

It is with great regret that the directors have received word that Mrs. Miller, on account of ill-health will be forced to resign as chairman of this committee, temporarily but they hope to soon welcome her back.

The committee wish to thank all who helped with this work during the year, particularly Mr. John McElroy, who took over a large share of the work with the boys.

The Womens' and Girls' Community Club has continued its splendid work of service for the House and the Community. It has not been able to contribute quite as much as it did last year. Owing to hard times the various sales and entertainments did not bring in as much money as formerly, and this fall, the proceeds of two of their parties went toward the purchase of card-tables, which after all, will form a very useful part of the equipment of the Community House. Their last service of the year was the decorating of the House, Gymnasium and Christmas tree for the holidays, and donating presents and candy for two hundred children on the 23rd of December.

It is with regret that it has to be reported that the Boy and Girl Scout movement has not prospered very much. It has proved impossible to find a Captain for the girls, and very little, except an occasional game of basket ball has been heard from the boys lately.

The Library has made very satisfactory progress during the year.

We have added 242 volumes of our own, having 1023 against 781 of last year. Of these 136 have been given us, 106 we have bought. We have 430 registered readers or nearly 200 more than last year. During the twelve months, 5988 books have been given out and not more than two or three have been lost, which is a pretty good record. The Library has spent \$139.99. Of this, \$50.26 was given by the Directors, \$89.73 earned by the small pay shelf and the fines. \$90.12 of the money spent went for books, \$30.97 for re-binding, and \$18.90 for express, postage and other incidentals.

In June, the Library Committee headed by Mrs. Ingram took charge of the meeting of the Librarians of the District. There were morning and afternoon sessions, and luncheon was served to about twenty-five people. Delegates came from Hanover, Lancaster, Harrisburg, and many smaller places. The State Library at Harrisburg sent a very large contingent. The speakers were Miss Zachert, who is undertaking the State work in the High School Libraries, Miss Eaton of the Harrisburg Library, Mrs. Wolcott from Hanover, Mr. Richard Reilly, one of the directors of the Lancaster Library, Mrs. Henry S. Hiestand, and Mr. Thomas Montgomery, State Librarian, and Mr. Robert Bliss and Miss Anna MacDonald from the Library Extension Division of the State Library.

The baby work has, we are glad to say, flourished exceedingly. We have over a hundred babies registered, and we often have between thirty and forty here on a Wednesday afternoon. Last

June the committee in charge held a most successful Baby Festival. Over forty-five babies were present, bringing their mothers and friends. The little Health play mentioned before was given, the May-pole Dance of the previous year repeated, and after refreshments had been served, a pretty Baby Parade was held. Dr. Howard Witmer from Lancaster was here and representatives from many nearby towns that were planning health centres themselves, enjoyed the afternoon.

The annual Christmas tree was given for the babies on the Wednesday before Christmas. This year seventy-five gifts were provided, each selected and labeled for the individual baby. Santa Claus arrived on schedule time, and it was a pretty termination of the year's work.

In October a new branch of the Health work was started in connection with the House. It was decided to extend the service that had been given the babies to the younger school children. The first four grades of the Marietta school now come up on Wednesday afternoons, after the baby work is finished, to be weighed and measured by Miss Hauck, one grade each Wednesday. The members of the committee in charge visit the mothers of the children found materially under weight to find out, if possible, the reason, and find the remedy. Already very beneficial results are being noted. We owe the very modern up-to-date scales for this work to the generosity of Mrs. Henry S. Hiestand. Five children have had their tonsils removed, owing to the energy of this committee, and there are fifteen more who will undergo this operation within the next few weeks. All this is being done without any expense to the parents.

Miss Martha Hauck is still the popular nurse in charge of all the health work, and its success is largely due to her.

The local Chapter of the D. A. R. held a very pretty meeting at the Community House on Flag Day. The York and Lancaster Chapters were invited to be present, and an interesting program, arranged and presided over by the Regent, Miss Josephine Buchanan, was enjoyed.

The Secretary regrets to report that she cannot see much improvement in regard to the Pool Room. The attendance has not been as large as last year; probably because the players have so misused the cues and tables that they themselves do not enjoy them as much as they did. The latest form of mutilation is punching holes in the wall and ceiling, we understand that the cues are rubbed in the plaster to save chalk. Another popular sport is shooting off the tips of the electric light bulbs.

Mr. Samuel Frey and his committee again gave us our beautiful Community Christmas Tree. Our heartiest thanks are due him.

The latest work undertaken in connection with the Community House is the formation of an Emergency Welfare Committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. H. Burd Cassel, to deal with the conditions that confront the town during the winter, owing to the lack of employment so general throughout the country. All the churches are co-operating, and those who can afford to help are doing so more than liberally. It is really carrying out the original idea of a Social Service Committee that was among the earlier projects planned by the Directors of the House, and while working for an emergency now, it bids fair to become a permanent institution through which we may learn to deal more scientifically with the dreadful problem of poverty.

For the present, perhaps, science is being rather put to one side and senti-

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ment is a little predominant, and that must be forgiven a young committee. The various churches and social service societies are pooling their resources, and we hope there will be less suffering in Marietta this winter on account of the work of this committee.

As a start thirty-nine Christmas baskets were sent out, and already many people have been sent coal and food supplies.

The Gymnasium in connection with the Community House was formally opened on the 29th of last January. Major Anthony Drexel Biddle came from Philadelphia for the opening exercises, and there was a very good boxing exhibition.

Since then the building has been in constant use, particularly during the cooler months, for dances, basket ball games, card parties and entertainments, also some amateur boxing exhibitions have been held there. During the winter, when it is not in use otherwise, the various basket ball teams have the right to use it for practice. At present four Marietta teams and one from Maytown occupy it at different times.

The Girls' Club gave a circus there in September, which will doubtless have to be repeated at some time, it was such a success. It was lent the children for both their entertainments, and the Girls' Club and the children each had a Hallowe'en masquerade in the Community Gym.

During the first week in November the ladies of Marietta, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Henry S. Hiestand, held a very successful Thrift and Rummage Sale in the Gymnasium for the benefit of the Building Fund. Mrs. B. Frank Hiestand, Mrs. George Hiestand, Mrs. E. L. Cornman, Mrs. J. Nissley Brandt, Mrs. Mary McClosky, Miss Gertrude Mehaffey, Mrs. W. W. Wikle, Mrs. Ben Derr, Miss Margaret Litchfield, Mrs. George P. Cooper, Mrs. Jas. Duffy, Mrs. J. P. Mueller, the members of the Girls' Club and many others gave their time and work unstintedly and over three hundred and fifty dollars was netted for the fund.

The directors are looking forward to the time when the debt will be wiped out, the building and stage absolutely finished and the various organizations in town will be able to have the use of the building for just what it will cost to run it.

Grateful thanks are again tendered Mr. John McElroy for his faithful, loyal service to the House and the community. No amount of money could pay for it. We can only hope it brings its own reward.

The Secretary wants to thank the President, the directors and all who have so kindly helped in the work of the Community House.

Respectfully submitted,

VIDA C. SIDNEY,  
Sec. Com. House.

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Gymnasium.....	346 13
Special contribut'n from H. S. Hiestand to meet deficiency.....	1525 00
	<b>\$2956 07</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

Secretary and Asst'nts..	\$1659 96
Caretakers.....	400 00
Light.....	158 89
Heat.....	469 20
Water.....	19 00
Papers.....	16 68
Printing.....	37 25
Postage.....	10 00
Library.....	50 26
Insurance.....	12 09
Basket Ball & Dance loss	50 00
A. W. P. Paper Co.....	15 30
Sundries.....	10 83
	<b>\$2909 80</b>

Bal. on hand, Jan. 9, 1922..... \$ 46 77

**BUILDING FUND**

Balance Jan. 10, 1921.....	<b>\$ 910 76</b>
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**RECEIPTS**

On acct. Subscriptions..	\$368 72
Exch. Nat. Bank, note..	5000 00
	<b>10368 72</b>
	<b>\$11279 48</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

Contractor, on acct.....	\$8130 00
Contractor, extra.....	104 90
Painting.....	28 25
Lighting.....	331 43
Hauling.....	12 00
Heat Plant.....	565 00
Plastering.....	150 00
Insurance.....	26 00
Architect.....	100 00
Stone Work.....	53 20
Lumber.....	64 08
Chairs.....	169 00
Hardware.....	63 21
Railing, Rear Steps.....	83 90
Plumbing.....	106 21
Extra Iron Work.....	23 40
Screens.....	222 08
Discount.....	295 90
Sundries .....	29 15
On account Note.....	500 00
	<b>10937 81</b>

Bal. on hand, January 9, 1921, \$ 291 77

Including \$200 Colonial Club  
Stock.

Unpaid Pledges to Bldg. Fund...	\$4757 55
Due Exch. Nat. Bank, for Note..	450 <sup>00</sup>
Due Contractor, on Contract...	1300 00

**ENDOWMENT INTEREST ACCOUNT**  
Balance, January 10, 1921..... \$ 532 21

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	
Lanc. Trust Co., Interest on Endowment.....	\$106 <sup>50</sup>
Interest on Lib. Bonds..	56 32
	<b>1118 82</b>

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
Lanc. Trust Co. Services	\$ 25 00
1550 Bonds Bought	1497 63
Repairs.....	16 72
	<b>1539 35</b>

Balance on hand Jan. 9, 1922.. \$ 111 68

The Treasurer also holds :

\$1550 Liberty Bonds for Endowment In-	account and
\$ 100 Liberty Bond (John S. Miller) gift	for Current Expenses.

The Trust (Lancaster Trust Co.), holds  
\$25000 Liberty Loan Bonds.

Respectfully submitted,

**J. NISSLER BRANDT,**  
Treasurer.

**SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
COMMUNITY HOUSE SECRETARY**

It seems as though the best way to give a brief resume of the activities of the Community House of Marietta during the second year of its existence would be to take the report of the first year and see how the various organizations then in existence had flourished or died; and then take up the new work that has started during the year.

The Wm. Brenner Post of the American Legion still, we are happy to say, makes its home with us, holding their regular business meetings on the second and last Thursday of the month. Last winter, it was suggested to the Directors that the members would like rooms or a room of their own

in the House, to be used as a general meeting place. So during the spring, Mrs. Henry S. Hiestand furnished the two rooms on the second floor, originally intended for the care-taker, in a very attractive manner, screening the balcony, so that it made a very pleasant additional room. They were formally presented to the Legion in May. They have been used for committee meetings and business purposes of the Post, but not as generally by the members as it was hoped they might be.

At the December meeting of the Board of Directors, it was voted that the Post have the exclusive use of the Pool Rooms on the nights of its regular meetings, i. e. the second and last Thursdays.

It seemed appropriate that the double funeral of the two Marietta boys, who bodies came from overseas, to be buried in their home town, should be held at the Community House. They came back in August, and for ten days the House gave itself to their service. The simple but impressive ceremonies at the House, and afterward at the cemetery, under the auspices of the Legion, were attended by large numbers of people.

Mrs. Ethelbert Miller very generously undertook again the work of the Childrens' Activities Committee. It is hard to say exactly what progress has been made in this department. The number of children who come to the House has constantly increased, but the committee does not feel that any very satisfactory solution has been reached of the problem of their care and entertainment. The classes started last year were very

much enjoyed by the children, particularly the girls' sewing class with Mrs. Paules, and the carpentry class for the boys under Mr. Frank Derr. The unfortunate illness of both these teachers and the fact that others could not be obtained were very disorganizing factors, and the classes have never really started again. We all know that familiarity breeds contempt, and the children seem to bear out the truth of this adage on Friday nights. New plans are being formulated, and we hope that next year it will be possible to report the same enjoyment of the facilities of the house, but a little less disorder.

That it is really forms of occupation that are needed is proved by the conduct of the children in the Library, where it is always easy to control the wildest child, if he or she is once attracted by the books or pictures.

Mrs. Miller and her committee arranged the entertainment that was given for the baby celebration last June, the little health play given on that day being repeated at Columbia during their baby week, and again this fall, when it formed part of a program given by the children to pay for the dolls and toys bought for the Home for Friendless Children in Lancaster. The dolls were dressed by the girls on Saturday afternoons during the fall. Last year it was the older girls, from 14 to 16 who did the work, but this year the younger ones, from 9 to 11 begged to be allowed to undertake it and many of them learned to sew for the purpose.

Mrs. Miller arranged another

entertainment for the evening of December 23rd, when the children had their Christmas Tree, given by the Girls' Club.

It is with great regret that the directors have received word that Mrs. Miller, on account of ill-health will be forced to resign as chairman of this committee, temporarily but they hope to soon welcome her back.

The committee wish to thank all who helped with this work during the year, particularly Mr. John McElroy, who took over a large share of the work with the boys.

The Womens' and Girls' Community Club has continued its splendid work of service for the House and the Community. It has not been able to contribute quite as much as it did last year. Owing to hard times the various sales and entertainments did not bring in as much money as formerly, and this fall, the proceeds of two of their parties went toward the purchase of card-tables, which after all, will form a very useful part of the equipment of the Community House. Their last service of the year was the decorating of the House, Gymnasium and Christmas tree for the holidays, and donating presents and candy for two hundred children on the 23rd of December.

It is with regret that it has to be reported that the Boy and Girl Scout movement has not prospered very much. It has proved impossible to find a Captain for the girls, and very little, except an occasional game of basket ball has been heard from the boys lately.

The Library has made very satisfactory progress during the year.

We have added 242 volumes of our own, having 1023 against 781 of last year. Of these 136 have been given us, 106 we have bought. We have 430 registered readers or nearly 200 more than last year. During the twelve months, 5988 books have been given out and not more than two or three have been lost, which is a pretty good record. The Library has spent \$139.99. Of this, \$50.26 was given by the Directors, \$89.73 earned by the small pay shelf and the fines. \$90.12 of the money spent went for books, \$30.97 for re-binding, and \$18.90 for express, postage and other incidentals.

In June, the Library Committee headed by Mrs. Ingram took charge of the meeting of the Librarians of the District. There were morning and afternoon sessions, and luncheon was served to about twenty-five people. Delegates came from Hanover, Lancaster, Harrisburg, and many smaller places. The State Library at Harrisburg sent a very large contingent. The speakers were Miss Zachert, who is undertaking the State work in the High School Libraries, Miss Eaton of the Harrisburg Library, Mrs. Woleott from Hanover, Mr. Richard Reilly, one of the directors of the Lancaster Library, Mrs. Henry S. Hiestand, and Mr. Thomas Montgomery, State Librarian, and Mr. Robert Bliss and Miss Anna MacDonald from the Library Extension Division of the State Library.

The baby work has, we are glad to say, flourished exceedingly. We have over a hundred babies registered, and we often have between thirty and forty here on a Wednesday afternoon. Last

June the committee in charge held a most successful Baby Festival. Over forty-five babies were present, bringing their mothers and friends. The little Health play mentioned before was given, the May-pole Dance of the previous year repeated, and after refreshments had been served, a pretty Baby Parade was held. Dr. Howard Witmer from Lancaster was here and representatives from many nearby towns that were planning health centres themselves, enjoyed the afternoon.

The annual Christmas tree was given for the babies on the Wednesday before Christmas. This year seventy-five gifts were provided, each selected and labeled for the individual baby. Santa Claus arrived on schedule time, and it was a pretty termination of the year's work.

In October a new branch of the Health work was started in connection with the House. It was decided to extend the service that had been given the babies to the younger school children. The first four grades of the Marietta school now come up on Wednesday afternoons, after the baby work is finished, to be weighed and measured by Miss Hauck, one grade each Wednesday. The members of the committee in charge visit the mothers of the children found materially under weight to find out, if possible, the reason, and find the remedy. Already very beneficial results are being noted. We owe the very modern up-to-date scales for this work to the generosity of Mrs. Henry S. Hiestand. Five children have had their tonsils removed, owing to the energy of this committee, and there are fifteen more who will undergo this operation within the next few weeks. All this is being done without any expense to the parents.

Miss Martha Hauck is still the popular nurse in charge of all the health work, and its success is largely due to her.

The local Chapter of the D. A. R. held a very pretty meeting at the Community House on Flag Day. The York and Lancaster Chapters were invited to be present, and an interesting program, arranged and presided over by the Regent, Miss Josephine Buchanan, was enjoyed.

The Secretary regrets to report that she cannot see much improvement in regard to the Pool Room. The attendance has not been as large as last year; probably because the players have so misused the cues and tables that they themselves do not enjoy them as much as they did. The latest form of mutilation is punching holes in the wall and ceiling, we understand that the cues are rubbed in the plaster to save chalk. Another popular sport is shooting off the tips of the electric light bulbs.

Mr. Samuel Frey and his committee again gave us our beautiful Community Christmas Tree. Our heartiest thanks are due him.

The latest work undertaken in connection with the Community House is the formation of an Emergency Welfare Committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. H. Burd Cassel, to deal with the conditions that confront the town during the winter, owing to the lack of employment so general throughout the country. All the churches are co-operating, and those who can afford to help are doing so more than liberally. It is really carrying out the original idea of a Social Service Committee that was among the earlier projects planned by the Directors of the House, and while working for an emergency now, it bids fair to become a permanent institution through which we may learn to deal more scientifically with the dreadful problem of poverty.

For the present, perhaps, science is being rather put to one side and senti-

ment is a little predominant, and that must be forgiven a young committee. The various churches and social service societies are pooling their resources, and we hope there will be less suffering in Marietta this winter on account of the work of this committee.

As a start thirty-nine Christmas baskets were sent out, and already many people have been sent coal and food supplies.

The Gymnasium in connection with the Community House was formally opened on the 29th of last January. Major Anthony Drexel Biddle came from Philadelphia for the opening exercises, and there was a very good boxing exhibition.

Since then the building has been in constant use, particularly during the cooler months, for dances, basket ball games, card parties and entertainments, also some amateur boxing exhibitions have been held there. During the winter, when it is not in use otherwise, the various basket ball teams have the right to use it for practice. At present four Marietta teams and one from Maytown occupy it at different times.

The Girls' Club gave a circus there in September, which will doubtless have to be repeated at some time, it was such a success. It was lent the children for both their entertainments, and the Girls' Club and the children each had a Hallowe'en masquerade in the Community Gymnasium.

During the first week in November the ladies of Marietta, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Henry S. Hiestand, held a very successful Thrift and Rum-mage Sale in the Gymnasium for the benefit of the Building Fund. Mrs. R. Frank Hiestand, Mrs. George Hiestand, Mrs. E. L. Cornman, Mrs. J. Nissley Brandt, Mrs. Mary McClosky, Miss Gertrude Mehaffey, Mrs. W. W. Wikle, Mrs. Ben Derr, Miss Margaret Litchfield, Mrs. George P. Cooper, Mrs. Jas. Duffy, Mrs. J. P. Mueller, the members of the Girls' Club and many others gave their time and work unstintedly and over three hundred and fifty dollars was netted for the fund.

The directors are looking forward to the time when the debt will be wiped out, the building and stage absolutely finished and the various organizations in town will be able to have the use of the building for just what it will cost to run it.

Grateful thanks are again tendered Mr. John McElroy for his faithful, loyal service to the House and the community. No amount of money could pay for it. We can only hope it brings its own reward.

The Secretary wants to thank the President, the directors and all who have so kindly helped in the work of the Community House.

Respectfully submitted,

VIDA C. SIDNEY,  
Sec. Com. House.

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